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1. The following persons hold leading positions in the management of the Jachymov uranium mines:

- a. General Manager: Josef Cmelak, who received this appointment after the Communist coup d'etat; formerly deputy to the previous general manager, Hegner. Cmelak's secretary is one Antonia Micankova. Cmelak is a Communist Party member, 45 years of age, married, lives in a villa near the Svornost mine.
- b. Deputy General Manager: Kopal, a Communist, 45 years of age, political activist.
- c. Administrative Manager: Dr. Hanzlicek
- d. Chief of Legal Department: Dr. Miloslav Kaner
- e. Deputy Chief of Legal Department: Dr. Cibulka
- f. Chief of Commercial Section: Lidmila, Communist successor to Acel, who committed suicide in Cheb in 1947 after being subjected to questioning by the police in connection with charges of embezzlement and espionage.
- g. Chief, Machinery Department: Chmela
- h. Chief, Personnel Department: Dr. Pavel Skalicky, formerly named Steiner; brother of the Steiner who is a Communist deputy in Parliament; chief of the Jachymov District Action Committee. Other members of the Personnel Division are Nemec and Vlckova.
- i. Chief, Communications Department: Volf
- j. Deputy Chief, Communications Department: Karel Chod
- k. Chief, Planning Office: Agapov (Russian)

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- l. Chief, Transport Division: Povolny
 - m. Chief, Motor Pool: Colonel Konjiagin
 - n. Chief, Security Section: Major Kocian
 - o. Deputy Chief, Security Section: Skalicky
 - p. Chief of Factory Guard: Koryna. The factory guard consists of 200 men, mainly Czech veterans of the Red Army and former partisans, armed with Russian machine pistols and carbines. They guard prisoners and installations.
 - q. Chief, Shop Council: Urbasek, who is assisted by a secretary, Viera Pridova.
 - r. Mining Department: Rudolf Kuhncl, 60 years of age; Winkelhoffer, 60 years of age.
 - s. Chief, Finance Department: Dr. Valasek
2. Technical personnel:
- a. Prospectors: The chief prospector is one Macan. A Russian engineer, Kovalenko, also concerns himself with prospecting for new deposits. He is assisted by two Russian drilling technicians, Anisimov and Zabolotni.
 - b. A Russian engineer named Kobicev has charge of stockpiles.
 - c. The geophysical laboratory is under the direction of one Posik, a Russian engineer. Posik is 33 years of age, tall, brown haired, speaks Russian, Czech, English, and German. He is a member of the Russian Communist Party and holds several patents on geophysical measuring instruments. He is assisted by several German PWs who are electro-technical specialists. He is also assisted by his wife, Irina Tannenbaum, 28 years of age, Party member, Red Army sergeant. Engineer Solomkov, also a Russian, 30 years of age, is chief of the geophysical instrument repair shop. Technician Ana Kovalovna is head of the "terrain radio-metrists".
 - d. Chief of the Instrument Repair Shop is Emil Bulant, 22 years of age, married. His deputy is Frantisek Husek.
3. The Building Department employs five colonels and five lieutenant colonels of engineers who are assisted by 30 sergeant-cadets who are construction specialists. The Jachymov mines have a building budget of 55 million crowns for the five-year period 1949 - 1953. Building contracts are placed with various firms, such as Skorkovsky of Prague, Sliezska stavebna spolocnost, etc.
4. Personnel are quartered in the freight yards at Dolny Zdar, in tenements at Ostrov, and in apartment houses on Red Army Avenue, Jachymov. Four modern villas are maintained for Russian personnel above Nove Mesto, a suburb of Jachymov. The Five-Year Plan provides for the construction of living quarters along the Jachymov-Ostrov road; they will be served by a trolley-bus line.
5. Details concerning the various mines of the Jachymov complex:
- a. Abertamy - Foreman: Kolek; employs 80 miners; 60 m. deep.
 - b. Bratrstvi - Foreman: Prochazka. This mine is 350 m. deep and is worked at seven levels; the most productive levels are the third and sixth. Three hundred Czech civilians and 600 German PWs are employed in the mine. Technical chief is one Prantl, a collaborationist who turned Communist. He is assisted by Jaroslav Korinek.

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- c. Elias - Foreman: Pihir; deputy foreman: Weidel; operations chief: Niezner. The mine is 160 m. deep and has two shafts: Elias and Irena. It connects with the Rovnost mine.
- d. Holzbach - Foreman: Hedba. This mine is extremely productive; it consists of two shafts and two galleries.
- e. Horny Slavkov - A productive mine employing 300 civilian miners and 300 German PWs. It consists of three shafts.
- f. Maria Antonia - Foreman: Pavlas. An extremely productive mine with 18 galleries.
- g. Potucky - One gallery of this mine crosses the frontier mine into Saxony.
- h. Prebuz - Not very productive.
- i. Rovnost - Foreman: Hruby; deputy: Vrana. This mine is 350 m. deep and consists of 12 levels; the twelfth connects with the fifth level of the Svornost mine. Four hundred civilian miners and 500 German PWs are employed.
- j. Sucha - Foreman: Konecny. The mine consists of two shallow shafts.
- k. Svornost - Foreman: Kalab; deputy: Proks. This mine is 700 m. deep and consists of twelve levels; the twelfth level communicates with the third level of the Bratrstvi mine. Three hundred civilian miners and 400 PWs are employed.
- l. Vrsek (Welsberg) - This mine is 60 m. deep; 100 miners are employed.
- m. Zalesi Foreman: Ostatek. This mine, which is 80 m. deep, yields a high grade ore; 40 to 45 miners are employed.

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